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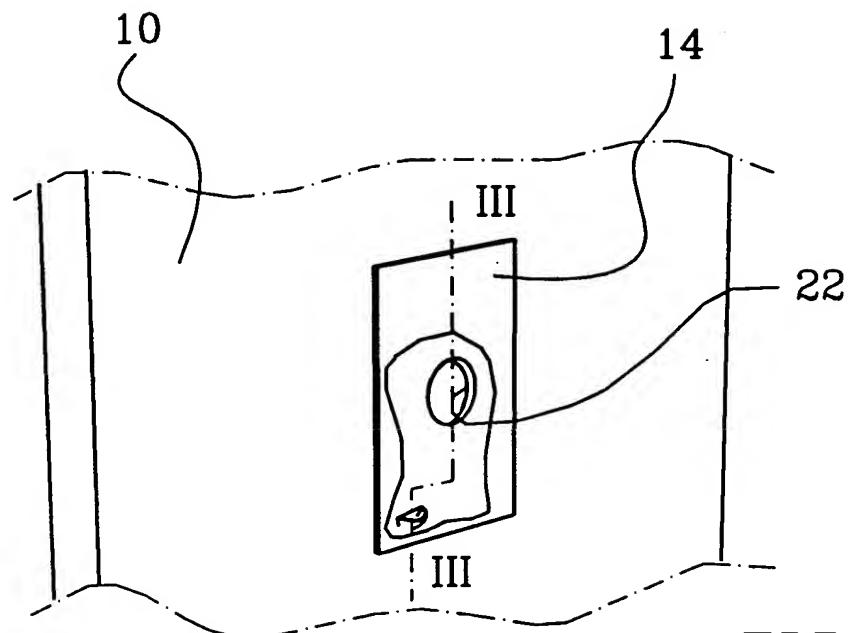


FIG. 1

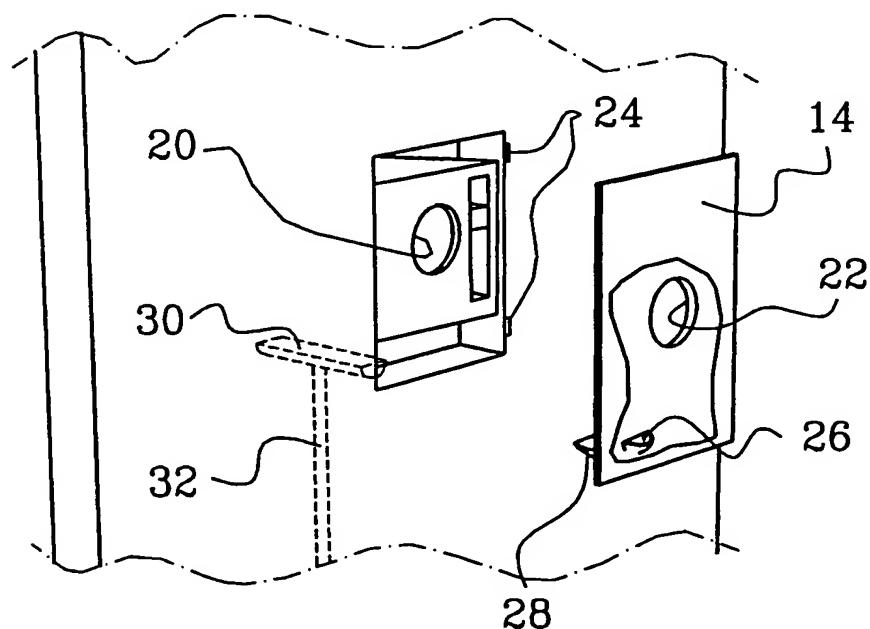


FIG. 2

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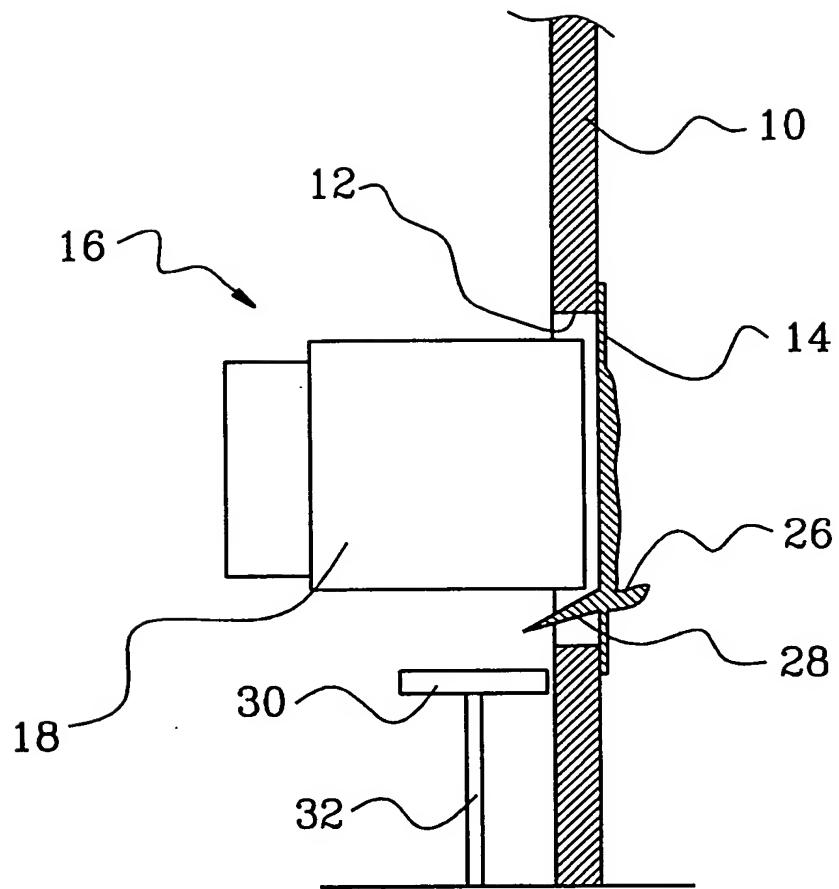


FIG. 3

ANORDNING VED PANTEAUTOMAT FOR FLASKER OG BOKSER

Denne oppfinnelse vedrører panteautomater og går nærmere bestemt ut på en anordning ved en panteautomat for flasker og/eller bokser, hvor automatkonstruksjonen har et frontstykke som er utformet med et gjennomgående hull for flaskene og boksene og som dekker de bakenforliggende mekanismene som håndterer flasker og bokser som blir levert igjennom innløpshullet; beregner deres antall og type samt regner ut og leverer tilbake til kunden en lapp med angivelse av det beløp man har til gode.

Disse flasker og bokser som vanlige panteautomater tar imot, har i alt vesentlig tjenestegjort som beholdere for drikker, og det er ganske alminnelig at disse inneholder skvetter som man ikke ønsker skal følge flasken eller boksen inn i automatstrukturen.

Det er derfor i nærheten av panteautomater av denne type ofte plassert en utslagsvask hvor flasker og bokser som måtte inneholde rester av drikker, kan bli tømt før flaskene og boksene anbringes i panteautomaten.

Det er imidlertid kostbart å installere en egen utslagsvask ved hver panteautomat. Utslagsvasken vil sjeldent passe inn i butikkens umiddelbare omgivelser, og, selv om utslagsvasken blir plassert i nærheten av panteautomaten, vil selv en relativt liten avstand medføre at tømmingen av flasker og bokser vil bli betraktet som en særskilt operasjon som i betydelig grad sinker flaskepantingen.

En annen ulempe med panteautomater av angjeldende art er at demonteringen av automatkonstruksjonen er relativt komplisert, idet enkeltdeler er bygget sammen og fastgjort til hverandre, slik at man ofte må igangsette demontering fra baksiden, altså motsatt automatens innføringshull for flasker og bokser.

Formålet med den foreliggende oppfinnelse har derfor vært, med enkle og billige midler, å avhjelpe eller i betydelig grad redusere disse ulemper og mangler.

Ifølge oppfinnelsen er nevnte formål realisert ved at panteautomaten er utformet og innrettet i overensstemmelse med de angivelser som fremgår av den karakteriserende del av patentkrav 1.

Ifølge den foreliggende oppfinnelse er panteautomatens frontdeksel utformet med et eget tømmehull for slanter i nærheten av flaske-/boks-innføringshullet som er uten forbindelse med innenfor beliggende faste opplegg i form av skjøtede rør og rørbend, idet tømmehullet eventuelt kan være forsynt med en skål med en fritt endende bakenforliggende tømmestuss som kan munne ut over en innenfor beliggende, fast avløpsrenne med eget utløp, men uten forbindelse med frontdekselet.

Avløpsrennen kan hensiktsmessig plasseres under så vel flaskekinnføringsåpningen som tømmehullet for slanter, slik at og-

så eventuelle igjenværende rester av drikker fra flasker og bokser som er ført igjennom innføringsåpningen, vil kunne havne i avløpsrennen og derfra i utløpet. Avløpsrenne med utløp virker således som en dreneringsanordning for hele pantearautomatkonstruksjonen.

Ifølge oppfinnelsen oppnår man således en rimeligere og mer hensiktsmessig plassering av tømested for slanter, samtidig som pantearautomatens frontdeksel kan hengsles for full avdekking av pantearautomatens innvendige mekanismer, for eksempel i reparasjons- eller vedlikeholds- øyemed. En slik konstruksjonsløsning hvor frontdekselet er helt uten forbindelse med faste opplegg i form av rørsystemer etc. er fordelaktig ved reparasjoner på automatkonstruksjonen. Frontdekselets henger kan være delbare, og frontdekselet kan forsynes med en låseanordning.

Et ikke-begrensende eksempel på en foretrukket utførelsesform forklares i det etterfølgende under henvisning til medfølgende tegninger, hvor:

Fig. 1 viser et delriss av en vegg i hvilken en pantearautomat er montert, her representert ved frontdekselet;

Fig. 2 viser et motsvarende splitttriss hvor det samme frontdeksel er trukket rett ut fra veggan; og

Fig. 3 er et vertikalsnitt III-III igjennom veggen og pantearautomaten i noe større målestokk.

På tegningene betegner henvisningstallet 10 en vegg som har en gjennomgående, for eksempel rektangulær utsparing 12, fig. 3, som er litt mindre enn et frontdeksel 14 av plast som innår i en pantearautomat 16 hvis apparatur er kjent og inngår hovedsakelig i et hus 18, hvis fremre parti strekker seg del-

vis inn i veggens 10 utsparing 12, hvor et hull 20 korresponderer med frontdekslets 14 innføringshull 22 for flasker og bokser.

Panteautomatens 16 flaske- og bokshåndteringsutstyr og elektronikk for beregning av pantebeløp er velkjent i forbindelse med slike panteautomater og utgjør ikke gjenstand for den foreliggende oppfinnelse, som i det vesentlige har tilknytning til frontdekselet 14.

Ifølge oppfinnelsen er dette frontdeksel 14, som er festet til veggen 10, eller direkte til huset 18, ved hjelp av hengsler 24, nedenfor flaske/boks-innføringshullet 22 utstyrt med et gjennomgående hull med en underliggende, oppad åpen skål 26 som ved frontdekselets 14 baksiden går over i en bak-enforliggende tømmestuss 28. Skålen 26 muliggjør tømming av rester av drikker fra flasker og bokser i innføringshullet 22 umiddelbare nærhet, og forenkler arbeidsoperasjonene, spesielt i forbindelse med mange flasker og/eller bokser, hvor man tidligere ved bruk av en særskilt utslagsvask måtte underkaste et visst antall flasker først én type operasjon (tømming av slanter) for deretter å underkaste de samme flasker hovedoperasjonen (innstikkingen i panteautomaten). Nå kan hver flaske med slant først tømmes og deretter umiddelbart stikkes inn i innføringshullet 22.

Innføringshullet 22 har ingen forbindelse med panteautomatens indre apparatur 16,18. Det samme er tilfelle med tømmestussen 28, hvis frie endeåpning munner ut over en fast, oppad åpen, tverrgående avløpsrenne 30.

Avløpsrennen 30 strekker seg fortrinnsvis horisontalt under panteautomatens indre apparatur 16,18, slik at enhver type væske fra flasker og bokser som måtte renne nedover i området bakenfor frontdekselet, vil kunne havne i denne avløpsrennen

30 som er tilsluttet et eget utløp 32. Det er fordelaktig at frontdekselet 14 er uten fast forbindelse med faste opplegg, rør, ledninger etc., slik at det kan åpnes og eventuelt løftes av hengslene 24 for avdekking av panteautomatens indre mekanismer og apparatur etter at en eventuell låseanordning er låst opp.

P a t e n t k r a v

1. Anordning ved panteautomat for flasker og bokser, utstyrt med et utenfra tilgjengelig innføringshull (22) igjennom hvilket flaskene og boksene føres inn i panteautomaten (14,16,18), karakterisert ved at panteautomatens (14, 16, 18) frontparti i form av et deksel (14) er utformet befestigelsesuavhengig av panteautomatens innvendige flaske/boks-håndteringsanordning og annen apparatur (16,18), idet frontdekselets (14) innføringshull (22) for flasker og bokser er uten fast forbindelse med innenfor beliggende røropplegg etc. og at det, fortrinnsvis nedenfor nevnte innføringshull (22), i frontdekselet (14) er utformet en gjennomgående åpning (26) for tømming av slanter fra flasker eller bokser før de stikkes inn i panteautomaten (14,16,18) igjennom frontdekselets (14) innføringshull (22) og en korresponderende, innenfor beliggende åpning (20) i panteautomatens innvendige flaske/boks-håndteringsanordning.
2. Anordning ifølge krav 1, karakterisert ved at tømmeåpningen (26) for slanter i frontdekselet (14) er utformet i en oppad åpen skål hvis åpning ved frontdekselets (14) baksiden munner ut i en tømmestuss (28).
3. Anordning ifølge krav 2, karakterisert ved at det innenfor frontdekselet (14), nedenfor tømmestussens (28) utløpsåpning, er anordnet en fortrinnsvis oppad åpen avløpsrenne (30).
4. Anordning ifølge krav 3, karakterisert ved at avløpsrennen (30) har et stort sett horisontalt forløp og er tilsluttet et utløp (32).

S a m m e n d r a g

I en panteautomat er frontdekselets (14) innføringshull (22) for flasker og bokser uten fast forbindelse med rørropplegg etc. Samtidig er en slant-tømmeåpning (26) utformet i front-
5 dekselet (14) i form av en skål som på baksiden av frontdek-
selet går over i en tømmestuss (28) som befinner seg over en
oppad åpen avløpsrenne (30) i automatens indre, uten fast
forbindelse mellom rørstuss (28) og renne (30). Frontdekselet
er eventuelt låsbart og kan åpnes til siden ved hjelp av
10 hengsler (24), hvorved panteautomatens indre avdekkes for
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/NO00/00116

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

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 the drawings:pages _____, as originally filed
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language english which is: the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention refers to a device by a reverse vending machine for bottles and cans, provided with a feed opening accessible from outside. Preferably below said feed opening is formed an opening for the emptying of remnants from the bottles or cans.

Cited documents:

D1: DE 29706654 U1
D2: GB 2263418 A
D3: DE 9321439 U1

None of the documents above shows an arrangement as claimed in claims 1 - 4. Furthermore, it is not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art to create such an arrangement with features claimed in these claims. Therefore, the subject matter of these claims fulfills the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability according to PCT Article 33 (2, 3, 4).